

She can now add the Legion of Honour to the host of other accolades bestowed upon her over the years, including the National Organization for Women's Susan B. Anthony Award (1997), the Visionary Ending Violence Award from the Harvard Office of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (2005), the New York County Lawyer's Association Edith I. Spivack Award (2009), and the Civic Spirit Award from the Women's City Club (2016), among a plethora of others throughout her storied career.

I am so pleased that our long-time ally has recognized Jessica for her critical contributions to anti-trafficking and women's rights around the world, and I am proud to be able to do the same today.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL SPINE HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing October as National Spine Health Awareness Month.

In 2019, nearly 40 percent of Americans suffered from chronic neck or back pain according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Those numbers increased to nearly 45 percent in adults with income below the federal poverty level. Back pain is also the number one cause of missed workdays and the leading cause of job-related disability and pain. In fact, it costs \$250 billion to the U.S. economy annually.

Unfortunately, during the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have been sitting more, eating more, and moving less: all of which have exacerbated spinal problems.

The National Spine Health Foundation (NSHF) located in my district in Reston, Virginia, is the only patient-centered non-profit dedicated to helping patients overcome debilitating spinal conditions. The Foundation is especially dedicated to helping prevent abuse of opioids used for pain. Back pain is the most common non-cancer related reason for an opioid prescription. Decreased opioid use also reduces the risk of future opioid dependency.

I would like to congratulate NSHF on receiving the International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery's award in 2021 for its research on the hospital protocol called Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS). The ERAS for back and neck surgeries has resulted in a greater than 50 percent reduction in postoperative opioid consumption and pain scores.

In addition, NSHF's Medical and Scientific Board includes fifty of the top spine specialists in the nation. Through patient education, award-winning research, and advocacy, NSHF partners with these top spine specialists to provide patients with the tools to make informed decisions by providing information on prevention, nonsurgical and surgical treatments.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the importance of good spinal health, supporting individuals who suffer from spinal issues, and thanking the NSHF

and the health care providers who help not just in October, but all year long.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 313.

EDWARD ROTHSCHILD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Edward Rothschild for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Man of the Year Award.

This award is given to a member of the community who has displayed outstanding leadership and a passion for helping those around them. As a business owner, advocate, and dedicated volunteer for his community, Edward has proven himself to be a champion for businesses and the larger Arvada community.

He has served in many leadership roles in the community including on the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Advocacy KAPS Council; the Sooper Credit Union Community Foundation Board; Bike Friendly Arvada Board; City of Arvada Chatter Review Committee; and the Whisper Creek Townhomes Homeowners Association. He also volunteers his time with numerous organizations such as the Arvada Planning Commission, Foothills Animal Shelter Foundation, and MS Society of CO/WY. In addition to volunteering, Edward has helped support and sponsor several local organizations such as Arvada Festivals Commission, Arvada Center for the Arts & Humanities, Bicycle Colorado, Chabad of NW Denver, Colorado Environmental Film Festival and Colorado Automobile Dealers Association.

Congratulations to Edward Rothschild for receiving the Man of the Year Award. His hard work, leadership and dedication to our community is greatly appreciated.

CELEBRATING THE 132ND ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JAMES A.M.E. CHURCH OF DOUGLASVILLE, GEORGIA

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 132nd anniversary of the St. James African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church of Douglasville, Georgia on October 10, 2021.

Since its founding in 1889, St. James A.M.E. Church has served the greater Douglasville area through ministry, service,

and fellowship. As they mark this momentous occasion, it is my pleasure to extend congratulations to the church leaders, elders, and congregation. There are many ways to gauge the impact a religious institution has on its community. However, one of the most telling is its longevity, for that demonstrates that teaching of a loving gospel can move generations of God's people.

The mission of St. James A.M.E. is to minister to the spiritual, physical, emotional, and environmental needs of all people through spreading the word of Christ. However, this church community does not just preach the gospel on Sundays, but instead carries the gospel with them every day through their good deeds. Saving the lost, serving the needy, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, housing the homeless, caring for the sick, are only a few examples of how St. James A.M.E. impacts its community.

St. James A.M.E. has been a beacon of Christian light and fellowship for a very long time. They take care of their community and those that are struggling. Loving our neighbors as we love ourselves is deeply engrained in St. James A.M.E.'s culture. Through the spirit of selfless generosity and love for others, God has shined his light on this congregation, and you all have taken that light and steadfastly turned it on your community. For fifteen years, St. James A.M.E. has partnered with the Atlanta Community Food Bank to serve meals and provide goods to fellow neighbors. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the church set up a mobile food bank and food pantry for patrons to easily get meals for their families. Additionally, St. James A.M.E. organized a COVID-19 vaccination event to ensure that citizens of the greater Douglasville area had access to this lifesaving vaccine.

Throughout the 132 years of St. James A.M.E., its members and fellow Black and African American neighbors were not afforded the same freedoms as their white brothers and sisters. This church has lived through the great Civil Rights Movement and the continued effects of racism and bigotry. Through their perseverance, they have continued to promote equality in their community, through actions such as working tirelessly during the 2020 election cycle to ensure voters were registered and had all the information they needed to cast their ballot on election day.

I am pleased to congratulate your church leaders, elders, and the generations of congregants at St. James A.M.E. Church for setting positive examples as leaders in ministry for the city of Douglasville. From the first pastors back in 1889, Reverend Pierce and Reverend Lawrence, to today's Reverend LeRoy Ladson, Jr., these leaders have grounded this community's faith and united the people of Douglasville through the Word of God.

Madam Speaker, as St. James A.M.E. Church of Douglasville, Georgia marks its 132nd anniversary, I would like to applaud this church's steadfast commitment to God's Word and God's people. I want to close with a fitting scripture that epitomizes the spirit of St. James A.M.E., Galatians 6:9, which reads, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

May God continue to bless St. James A.M.E. Church of Douglasville, Georgia.